

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: June 19, 2020

Yard of the Week

This week's Yard of the Week is located at 123 Tyson. This small yard is overflowing with color from a wide variety of flowers and shrubs.

Business After Hours

Thank you to all the staff that helped make the Business After Hours at Middlefield Golf Course last night a success. Thank you to Steve Zeek and Roger Vandehey's staff at Middlefield Golf Course for all the preparation for the event and to Finance staff for assisting with the food and setup.

High School Graduation Banners Pick-Up

The graduation banners that have been hanging in Bohemia Park for the last two weeks are being taken down and seniors can pick them up in front of City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, on Monday, June 22nd from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will be no parking in front of City Hall from 8:00 am to 6:00 on Monday to provide curbside pickup of the banners. The banners were a collaborative project between the City of Cottage Grove, Main Street Cottage Grove, and South Lane School District. Anyone unable to pick up their banner, please contact the Main Street Coordinator, Molly at (541)767-4129 or mainstreet.cottagegrove@gmail.com.

Oregon Film Trail

The Oregon Film Trail signs have arrived. City staff will be installing 5 signs that highlight the various films made in the Cottage Grove area. Three of the signs will be installed on Bureau of Land Management Land along the Row River Trail or on County property. Once the final location is approved they will be installed. The remaining two signs are on City property and will be installed soon. The project is a partnership between the City, Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Grove Historical Society and the Oregon Film Office. The Oregon Film Trail project is a program to recognize the history of filmmaking in Oregon. More information about the Oregon Film Trail project can be found at: www.historicoregonfilmtrail.com/

Emergency Business Grant & Loan Program

The City Manager participated in a meeting with Lane County and other city officials to discuss next steps with the emergency business grant and loan program. The regional application in rounds 1 and 2 resulted in \$225,000 for the Lane County application – well short of the \$675,000 that had been applied for. The State grant amount would equate to \$25,000 for grants for Cottage Grove businesses. We are waiting for contract documents from Business Oregon. The

funding set aside for business assistance in Cottage Grove was \$100,000. We will only be using \$25,000 for the match for the state grant. The remaining funds will be used for a Cottage Grove program and will not be subject to the requirements and obligations of state program.

Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project

Wildish Construction continues working on the water quality swale and the infrastructure around it. Next week, work will continue on the water quality swale as well as bringing the 27 inch pipe east towards South 4th Street.

Street excavation began Thursday at the intersection of Grant and South 4th Street. Crews are removing existing sidewalk, driveways and road surface. Once the excavation has occurred, crews are installing geotextile fabric and gravel. The street will remain gravel until all underground utilities are installed and new concrete curbs placed.



Next week, more street excavation will continue up South 4th Street to Fillmore Avenue. Excavation for a new school drop off area will also begin. Please expect some inconveniences within and around the construction zone.

Northwest Natural Gas was working on relocating their facilities on South 4th Street north of Taylor Avenue. Work will be continue next week on Taylor Avenue. Taylor Avenue between South 4th and alley with be closed except for location traffic from Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25.

Quote of the Week

“People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they’re not on your road doesn’t mean they’ve gotten lost.”

~Dalai Lama~